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DEPARTMENT FOR CU/WE

PASS EUR LABOR ADVISOR GOOTT AND TO GERALD HOLMES, ILAB
AT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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1. RESERVATIONS MADE FOR AGAPITO RAMOS, RICARDO CID,
AND JOSE BARRIONUEVO TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S. SEPTEMBER 6
ON TWO 903, ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT 1515;
PROCEEDING BY NA 403 AT 1740, ARRIVING WASHINGTON
NATIONAL AIRPORT 1838. CLEARANCES IN ORDER. VPS
PROGRAM TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7.

2. BIO-DATA FOLLOWS:

A. FULL NAME: AGAPITP RAMOS CUENCA

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: MADRID, SPAIN,

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CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: HERMANOS MIRALLES, 93, MADRID

PRESENT POSITION: LABOR LAWYER, MEMBER OF

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USO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TRAVEL ABROAD: THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE,
PARTICULARLY FRANCE
LANGUAGES: SPANISH AND FRENCH

B. FULL NAME: RICARDO CID CANAVERAL

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: MADRID, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: EDIFICIO AZORIN, PORTAL 2,

CIUDAD DE LOS PERIODISTAS, MADRID, SPAIN

PRESENT POSITION: JOURNALIST, LEADER OF USO

JOURNALIST FEDERATION

TRAVEL ABROAD: WESTERN EUROPE

LANGUAGES: SPANISH

C. FULL NAME: JOSE BARRIONUEVO PENA

PLACE AND DATE OF BIRTH: BERJA (ALMERIA),

SPAIN, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 14 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, 62, MADRID, SPAIN

PRESENT POSITION: LABOR INSPECTOR OF LABOR

MINISTRY, LEADER OF EMBRYONIC USO

FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

TRAVEL ABROAD: THROUGHOUT WESTERN EUROPE

LANGUAGES: SPANISH AND FRENCH

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

ALL THREE MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE LEADERS IN USO (UNION SINDICAL OBRERA) AN UNTIL NOW ILLEGAL SPANISH TRADE UNION WHICH CONSIDERS ITSELF "SOCIALIST", BUT IS LARGELY OF CHRISTIAN INSPIRATION, AND IS MADE UP OF MEMBERS ORIGINALLY FROM CHURCH-CONNECTED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. USO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SPANISH FREE TRADE UNIONS AND IS AFFILIATED WITH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS FEDERATION (IMF).

IN ADDITION TO THEIR COMMON TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP INTERESTS, THE THREE USO LEADERS COME FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONS. AGAPITO RAMOS IS A PROMINENT LABOR LAWYER; RICARDO CID IS A JOURNALIST AND LEADER OF THE USO JOURNALISTS FEDERATION; AND JOSE BARRIONUEVO IS A MIDDLE-LEVEL CAREER FUNCTIONARY (LABOR INSPECTOR)

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IN THE LABOR MINISTRY WHO HAS ORGANIZED AN ILLEGAL USO UNION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. ONE OF THE USO LEADERS' PRINCIPAL INTERESTS IS THE U.S. TRADE UNION SCENE. THEY WANT TO HAVE CONTACTS WITH THE UNITED AUTOMOBILE WORKERS UNION (UAW) WITH WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY HAD LONGSTANDING TIES THROUGH IMF AND ITS SECRETARY GENERAL HERMAN REBHAN, THROUGH CONTACT WITH UAW'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CHIEF COLIN

GONZE (DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO MADRID) AND THROUGH UAW PRESIDENT LEONARD WOODCOCK (DURING WOODCOCK'S VISIT TO SPAIN LAST MONTH). PROGRAMMING AGENCY SHOULD ARRANGE UAW CONTACTS AND PROGRAM THROUGH UAW'S GONZE OR LATTER'S ASSOCIATE, ESTEBAN TORRES. ADDITIONALLY, USO GROUP DESIRES CONTACTS WITH AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS AND WITH AFL-CIO CONSTITUENT UNIONS. CONTACTS WITH AFL-CIO UNIONS SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH STATE DEPARTMENT'S EUR LABOR ADVISOR DANIEL GOOTT.

IN ADDITION TO TRADE UNION CONTRACTS, GROUP DESIRES EXPOSURE TO U.S. LABOR DEPARTMENT, NRLB, AND OTHER GOVERNMENT LABOR ENTITIES (ILAB'S GERALD HOLMES, DURING RECENT VISIT TO MADRID, MET WITH RAMOS AND HE SHOULD BE POINT OF CONTACT FOR GROUP AT DEPARTMENT OF LABOR). GROUP WOULD ALSO LIKE EXPOSURE TO U.S. NEWSPAPER AND JOURNALISTIC SCENE, U.S. CONGRESS, POLITICAL PARTIES, AND TO U.S. LEGAL PROFESSION (INCLUDING A VISIT TO AT LEAST ONE U.S. PENAL INSTITUTION SINCE LAWYER RAMOS HAS OFTEN DEFENDED SPANISH POLITICAL PRISONERS). THE THREE SHOULD ALSO SPEND TIME WITH MICHAEL DURKEE OF SPANISH DESK WHO MET TWO MEMBERS OF GROUP DURING RECENT DURKEE VISIT TO MADRID.

ON GEOGRAPHIC BASIS, GROUP'S ITINERARY CAN BE FAIRLY FLEXIBLE. ONE PLACE THEY PARTICULARLY WANT TO VISIT IS DETROIT (TO INCLUDE UAW HEADQUARTERS AND AN AUTOMOBILE PLANT). GROUP ALSO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NEW YORK CITY, SAN FRANCISCO, AND ONE SMALLER REPRESENTATIVE CITY OR TOWN.

4. AN ESCORT/INTERPRETER WILL BE NECESSARY.
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